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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, DM

SUBJECT: BENIN'S MARITIME CLAIMS

REF: STATE 52106, MARCH 9, 1977

1. DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY REVIEWING NATIONAL MARITIME CLAIMS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN REFTEL DEPARTMENT REQUESTED CLARI-  
FICATION ON BENIN DECREE NO. 76-92, APRIL 2, 1976.  
DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO HAVE DIFFICULTY INTERPRETING THE  
MEANING OF "TERRITORIAL WATERS" AS IT IS USED IN BENIN  
LAW. IMPLICATION FROM TEXT OF DECREE IS THAT CLAIM MAY BE  
FOR FISHING JURISDICTION ONLY.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON CURRENT  
FISHING AND TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIMS AND TO SEND INFORMATION  
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## Message Attributes

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